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SUBJECT: UGANDIAN ASIANS

QUOTE: TO STANLEY WRIGHT, UNHCR CHARGE DE MISSION KIGALI REYOUR
CABLES 27 AND 27 MARCH.

PARA 1. YOUR SUCCESSFUL INTERVENTION TO GAIN TIME RE EXPULSION
ORDER MOST APPRECIATED. WE LOOK FORWARD NEWS YOUR MEETING WITH
MINISTERS CONCERNED. MEANTIME WE ALSO APPROACHING NEW YORK FOR
HIGH LEVEL INTERVENTION WITH PERMANENT MISSION.

PARA 2. AFTER ANALYSIS OF CASES EITHER TO SENT BY YOU WOULD LIKE
CLARIFY FOLLOWING POINTS FOR YOUR GUIDANCE

AAA GENERAL ASSISTANCE POLICY IN THIS SITUATION EXTENDS ASSIST-
ANCE ONLY TO UGANDAN ASIANS OF UNDETERMINED NATIONALITY; HOWEVER,
MANY SUCH ASIANS HAVE UGANDAN PASSPORTS BUT DO NOT ENJOY
PROTECTION

UGANDAN GOVT AND MAY THEREFORE BE ELIGIBLE SUCH ASSISTANCE. THUS
EXCLUDED ARE UGANDAN ASIANS HAVING NATIONALITY OTHER THAN UGANDAN
AS WELL AS THOSE HAVING HABITUAL RESIDENCE IN RWANDA. BBB UUUNNN
HAS ALWAYS UPHELD PRINCIPLE OF FAMILY UNITY AND THEREFORE PROMOTE
FAMILY REUNION. CONSEQUENTLY WE ARE AGAINST ANY HELP LEADING TO
SPLITTING OF FAMILY FOR EXAMPLE DEPARTURE OF CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS
ARE LEGALLY RESIDING IN RWANDA ETC.

PARA 3. WE ASSUME CASELOAD AFFECTED BY EXPULSION CONSISTS OF
PERSONS WHOSE DOSSIERS YOU HAVE SENT HEADQUARTERS. IF NOT, PLEASE
INDICATE SIZE CASELOAD WITH THE DETAILS BEARING IN MIND CONSIDER-
ATIONS CONTAINED PARA 2 ABOVE.

PARA 4. MEANTIME YOU MAY INFORM GOVERNMENT YOU HAVE ADVISED HCR
HEADQUARTERS WHO REQUESTING INFORMATION COMPOSITION CASELOAD
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VIEW DIRECT REPEAT DIRECT RESETTLEMENT ELSEWHERE. ALSO INDICATE RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES NOT EASILY AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, WE WILL DO OUR BEST. RECALL THAT SOME TWO THOUSAND UGANDAN ASIANS STILL IN EUROPEAN TRANSIT CENTERS AFTER FIVE MONTHS WAITING AND UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES GOVERNMENTS PERMITTING TRANSIT FACILITIES WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT ACCEPT FURTHER CASES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM INCLUDING RWANDA. TRANSIT CENTERS WERE ESTABLISHED UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THEN PREVAILING AND IN CONTEXT UUUNNN EVACUATION OPERATION WHICH NOW CONCLUDED.

PARA 5. WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU COULD CABLE WITHOUT REPEAT WITHOUT APPROACHING GOVERNMENT FOR THIS PURPOSE WHETHER PROPOSED EXPULSION

RELATES TO (A) ALL ASIANS (B) UGANDAN ASIANS ONLY (C) RECENTLY ARRIVED UGANDAN ASIANS ONLY. THIS CONNECTION WE WOULD LIKE EMPHASIZE THAT ONLY THOSE PERSONS WHO ENTERED RWANDA AFTER 7 AUG 1972 AND WHO FULFILL ASSISTANCE CRITERIA WITHIN CONTEXT INDICATIONS CONTAINED PARA 2 ABOVE CAN BE CONSIDERED. HOWEVER, THIS STAGE YOUR EFFORTS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TOWARDS GAINING TIME AND GATHERING INFORMATION WHICH YOU REQUESTED SEND EARLIEST HEADQUARTERS. SHALL PROVIDE FURTHER GUIDANCE UPON RECEIPT YOUR REPLY.

PARA 6. ASSUME YOU IN CONTACT EX- HICOM THIS MATTER.

PARA 7. APPRECIATE YOUR READINESS TO POSTPONE YOUR PLANNED DEPARTURE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. BEST REGARDS. MACE. END QUOTE. RIMESTAD

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